

## Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

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<http://www.dvcc.state.de.us>

### WHO WE ARE

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council is a state agency legislatively created in 1993 to improve Delaware's response to domestic violence.

### OUR ROLE

- Develop and implement effective domestic violence policies and protocols.
- Educate the public and provide training for both public and private officials working on domestic violence cases.
- Coordinate the response of state and private entities that work on the issue of domestic violence.
- Help develop legislation necessary to address the serious problem of domestic violence.

## Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotlines & Shelter Information

*If you feel you are in danger, please call 911.*

New Castle County	302-762-6110
Kent & Sussex Northern Kent	302-422-8058 302-678-3886
Latino Population	302-745-9874 302-745-9873



*For more information concerning the  
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council  
and domestic violence resources in Delaware,  
visit the DVCC website at:*

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

*Delaware's Statewide Coordinated  
Response to Domestic Violence*

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Youth, & Their Families

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Commissioner, Department of Correction



## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Domestic  
Violence Coordinating Council  
is to reduce the incidence of  
domestic violence and  
abuse in all its forms.

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## SUBCOMMITTEES

The Council meets on a quarterly basis and the meetings are open to the public. Much of the work the Council does is through regular and ad hoc subcommittees.

- Children & Domestic Violence
- Corrections
- Courts
- Immigration
- Law Enforcement
- Legislative
- Medical
- Treatment

### Other Committees:

- Batterers' Intervention Certification Panel
- Fatal Incident Review Team
- Law Enforcement Training Working Group
- VAWA Implementation

The DVCC brings together domestic violence service providers and policy level officials to identify and implement improvements in system response through legislation, education, and policy development.